

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention concerns a microscope **1**. The microscope **1** encompasses a microscope stand **2**, an objective **4** having an optical axis **5**, a microscope stage **6** serving to receive a specimen **7**, and a focusing device **20** serving to focus the specimen **7**. With the focusing device **20**, the objective or the microscope stage **6** is positionable relative to the microscope stand **2** in the direction of the optical axis **5** of the objective **4**. The focusing device **20** comprises at least one operating element **8** with which an operator controls the positioning of the objective **4** or of the microscope stage **6**. For adaptation of the spatial arrangement of the operating element **8** to the needs of an operator, the microscope **1** according to the present invention is characterized in that the spatial arrangement of the operating element **8** relative to the microscope stand **2** is modifiable.